

O'Malley taps Brown as running mate

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Anthony Brown, an African-American member of the state legislature from Prince George's County, will run for lieutenant governor with Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley, a spokesman for the mayor's gubernatorial campaign said today.

The deal was sealed last night when Mr. Brown and his family joined the O'Malleys for dinner at the mayor's home, said Jonathan Epstein, Mr. O'Malley's campaign manager.

Mr. Brown, 44, is now in his second term in the House of Delegates and is considered a rising star in the legislature.

He is a graduate of Harvard University and of Harvard Law School and is a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves. Mr. Brown missed the 2005 session of the General Assembly because he was serving a nine-month tour of duty in Iraq.

"We look forward to Monday when we will formally announce this powerful, problem solving partnership that will improve opportunity for all Maryland families," Mr. Epstein said.

Mr. Brown adds both racial and geographic balance to the O'Malley ticket. The O'Malley campaign hopes Mr. Brown

will help the ticket in his home county, which will be a key battleground in the Democratic primary campaign between Mr. O'Malley and Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan. Mr. Duncan has not yet chosen a running mate.

Donn Worgs, an assistant professor of political science at Towson University, said Mr. Brown looks good on paper as a lieutenant governor candidate.

"You've got the geographical balance you want. You have someone who in theory would appeal to African-American voters," he said. "Being a veteran, his political experience, he seems like someone who can have broad appeal."